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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600

Serial No. : 10/577,982
Applicant : Makoto KOIZUMI
Filed : May 2, 2006
For : OLIGONUCLEOTIDES HAVING A
2'-0,4'-C-ETHYLENE NUCLEOTIDE
IN THE THIRD POSITION
Art Unit : 1637
Examiner : Mark STAPLES
Docket No. : 06189/HG
Confirm No. : 2978
Customer No.: 01933

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No. 06-1378. In addition,
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or to credit any overpayments,
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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term for response to which is set to expire on February 5, 2010,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.